

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
Severe Storms and Flooding-Tropical Depression Ernesto  
FEMA-1661-DR-VA**

**STATE SITUATION REPORT # 34**

**1 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs) thru 8 Nov 2006 (1500 hrs)**

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO)**

**4800 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060**

**VDEM Hours of operations: M-F: 0800-1800 hours**

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**(New or highlighted information is bold)**

**SUMMARY**

Response and recovery operations are being provided from the FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office (JFO) pursuant to the Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Commonwealth due to the severe storms and flooding associated with Tropical Depression Ernesto across portions of the Commonwealth during the period 29 Aug – 7 Sep 2006.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**JFO Operations:**

Regular JFO FEMA/VDEM staff meetings will be conducted at the JFO on Wed of each week at 0900 hours in the JFO Conference Room. VDEM staff meetings will be conducted as required by the DSCO. JFO Situation Reports will be issued on Wednesday of each week.

**State of Emergency and  
Executive Order:**

By Executive Order, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency on 31 Aug 2006 in preparation for Tropical Depression Ernesto, later amended on 15 Sep 2006. On 8 Sep 2006 Governor Kaine requested a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (PA) for 25 jurisdictions and Individual Assistance (IA) for nine jurisdictions.

On 22 Sep 2006 President Bush declared a Major Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the damage resulting from Tropical Depression Ernesto that began on 29 Aug 2006, designating 21 jurisdictions eligible for the PA Program. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available statewide.

**Regarding PA**, pursuant to the Commonwealth's requests, one additional jurisdiction(\*) was approved by FEMA on 6 Oct, three additional jurisdictions(\*\*) were approved by FEMA on 18 Oct, and one additional jurisdiction (\*\*\*) was approved on 26 Oct as also eligible for the PA Program. **Current eligible jurisdictions (26) are:**

<b>Accomack</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>Middlesex</b>	<b>Richmond (City of)</b>
<b>Caroline</b>	<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>Northampton</b>	<b>Poquoson (City of)</b>
<b>Charles City</b>	<b>Isle of Wight</b>	<b>Northumberland</b>	<b>Newport News (City)*</b>
<b>James City</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>Westmoreland</b>	<b>Greensville**</b>
<b>King William</b>	<b>Surry</b>	<b>Mathews</b>	<b>King and Queen**</b>
<b>Lancaster</b>	<b>Sussex</b>	<b>Dinwiddie</b>	<b>Lunenburg**</b>
<b>York</b>			<b>King George***</b>

**Regarding IA**, on 28 Sep 2006 the Commonwealth received the denial of its requested IA declaration for nine jurisdictions (3 cities and 6 counties) which was formally appealed by Governor Kaine on 29 Sep 2006. On 11 Oct 2006 the Commonwealth IA appeal was formally denied by FEMA. Pursuant to the Commonwealth's request, on 16 Oct 2006 the SBA issued a disaster declaration for the following five jurisdictions. Contiguous jurisdictions to those named are automatically included in the SBA declaration.

**Richmond (City of)**  
**Newport News (City of)**

**Hampton (City of)**

**Gloucester**  
**Northumberland**

## WEATHER

**Seven-day forecast (W-Th-F-Sa-Su-M-Tu): 8-15 Nov 2006):** Today and tonight will be cloudy with 50% chance of precipitation today and a 20% chance of light rain tonight, north winds 5-7 mph, with a high today of 66 and a nightly low of 53 by 11 pm, then rising to around 63 during the remainder of the night.. **Thursday** will be mostly sunny, with a high near 71 with west winds 6-10 mph and a nightly low of 47. **Friday** will be mostly sunny with a daily high near 76 and a nightly low of 50. **Saturday** will be partly cloudy, with a high near 67 and a nightly low around 46. **Sunday** will be mostly cloudy with a daily high near 60 and a nightly low of 44. **Monday** will be partly cloudy with a daily high near 61 and a nightly low of 44. **Tuesday** will be mostly sunny with a daily high near 60.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION (ESF-15)

**Legislative Liaison:** The 26 affected jurisdictions are represented by 39 legislators. Respective Congressional offices have been notified in advance of PA Applicants Briefings for their jurisdictions. JFO-Legislative Liaison: Mr. A. Warren ([art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:art.warren@vdem.virginia.gov)).

**Public Information Office (PIO)** VDEM PIO continues to monitor and respond to media, legislative and public inquires. PIO has distributed various news releases on flood insurance, floodsmart.gov, and other disaster assistance program information.

## OPERATIONS SECTION

### RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS BRANCH

**ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering:** Water Pumps, City of Richmond, has been extended to **12 Nov 2006** by the Governor. All pumps (18"- 2 each and 12"- 3 each) have been elevated on mobile platforms above flood stage and are fully operational. VDEM POC (Mr. K. Hayes).

**ESF 14 – Long-term Community Recovery:** **RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)**

<b>Initial Damage Assessment Reports:</b>	<b>Jurisdictions (65 each)</b>	<b>Private (30 each)</b>	<b>Public (62each)</b>
	Subtotal	\$68,088,094**	\$52,452,584.98*/***
	*Includes VDOT estimates and Electric Cooperatives' estimates.		
	**Includes residential, business, and agricultural estimates.		
	***Includes Public Service Authorities		
	State Agencies (Excludes VDOT) Public (13 each)		
	Subtotal		<b>\$ 2,583,019.55</b>
	GRAND TOTAL	\$68,088,094	<b>\$55,035,604.53</b>

**State Public Assistance (PA) Briefings:**

### Applicants' Briefings Conducted (5 ea):

1. 5 Oct 2006, Attendees-45 (City of Richmond-31, FEMA-8, VDEM-6)
2. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-22 (Five Electric Coop Reps-13, FEMA-4, VDEM-5)
3. 11 Oct 2006 Attendees-48 (Eleven Jurisdictions-19, FEMA-6, VDEM-16, Other-6)
4. 17 Oct 2006 Attendees- 9 (State Agencies-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-5)
5. 18 Oct 2006 Attendees-17 (Eastrn Shore Applicants-8, FEMA-3, VDEM-5, Oth-1)

### Kick-off Meetings Conducted (40 ea):

1. 6 Oct 2006, Attendees-3 (Southside Electric Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
2. 10 Oct 2006, Attendees-39 (City of Richmond-28, FEMA-5, VDEM-6)
3. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (A&N Electric Cooperative-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
4. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 9 (Five Counties-6, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
5. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Northern Neck Electric Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
6. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Colonial Beach-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
7. 13 Oct 2006, Attendees- 4 (Town of Kilmarnock-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
8. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 7 (Rappahannock Elect Coop-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
9. 16 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Middlesex County-2, FEMA-2, VDEM-2)
10. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (City of Newport News-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
11. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees-13 (Gloucester County-7, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)

12. 17 Oct 2006, Attendees- 8 (Mathews County-2, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
13. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (VDCR-4, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
14. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of State Police-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
15. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees-10 (VDOT-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-6)
16. 18 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (James City-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
17. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (City of Poquoson-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
18. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees-11 (VIMS-5, FEMA-2, VDEM-4)
19. 19 Oct 2006, Attendees- 5 (Town of Melfa-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
20. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Charles City County-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
21. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 3 (Va Dept of Mental Health-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
22. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Onancock-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
23. 20 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Smithfield-3, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
24. 23 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Accomack County-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
25. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees- 6 (Town of Parksley-1, FEMA-2, VDEM-3)
26. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees-20 (York County-13, FEMA-3, VDEM-4)
27. 24 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Tappahannock-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
28. 26 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Warsaw-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
29. 25 Oct 2006, Attendees-3 (Va Dept of Corrections-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
30. 25 Oct 2006, Attendees-4 (Colonial Beach Sch Bd-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
31. 25 Oct 2006, Attendees-9 (Northampton County-3, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
32. 25 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Onley-1, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
33. 26 Oct 2006, Attendees-4 (Town of Cape Charles-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-2)
34. 26 Oct 2006, Attendees-5 (Mecklenburg Elect Coop-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
35. 26 Oct 2006, Attendees-8 (Town of Wachapreague-2, FEMA-3, VDEM-3)
36. 27 Oct 2006, Attendees-7 (Town of Chincoteague-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-4)
37. 26 Oct 2006, Attendees-6 (Town of Tangier-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-4)
38. 30 Oct 2006, Attendees-9 (Va Dept of Gen Svcs-2, FEMA-4, VDEM-2, Oth-1)
39. 1 Nov 2006, Attendees-TBP (Town of Bloxom , FEMA , VDEM )
40. 1 Nov 2006, Attendees-6 (Town of Cheriton-2, FEMA-1, VDEM-3)
41. 2 Nov 2006, Attendees-3 (Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad-1, FEMA-1, VDEM-1)
42. 3 Nov 2006, Attendees-7 (Callao Volunteer Fire Depart.-3, FEMA-2, VDEM-2)

The Recovery Center page on VDEM website, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) provides all current FEMA-1661-DR-VA public assistance program schedules, forms, and resource documents. See the section, Public Assistance Program. The deadline date(s) for applicants to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for FEMA-1661-DR is COB:

<b>Declared 21 jurisdictions:</b>	<b>Fri, 20 Oct 2006</b>
<b>Amended one jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Mon, 6 Nov 2006</b>
<b>Amended three jurisdictions:</b>	<b>Fri, 17 Nov 2006</b>
<b>Amended one jurisdiction:</b>	<b>Sat, 25 Nov 2006</b>

RPAs should be faxed to the JFO to the attention of Ms. Mona Ellington (tele. 804-270-4582). Then please mail the original to the JFO, ATTN (Ms. Mona Ellington) at:

**FEMA/VDEM Joint Field Office  
4800 Cox Road  
Glen Allen, VA 23060  
804-270-2057 (fax: 804-270-2498)**

RPAs have been received/approved from the following state agencies, localities, and private non-profit organizations **(53 total)**:

A & N Electric Cooperative	Onley (Town of)
Accomack County	Parksley (Town of)
Bloxom (Town of)	Poquoson (Town of)
Callao Vol Fire Dept	Rappahannock Community College
Cape Charles (Town of)	Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
Cheriton (Town of)	Richmond (City of)

Chincoteague (Town of)  
 Colonial Beach (Town of)  
 Colonial Beach Public Schools  
 Colonial Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad  
 Gloucester County  
 James City County  
 Kilmarnock (Town of)  
 Kilmarnock Vol Fire Dept  
 Lancaster County  
 Mathews County  
 Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative  
 Melfa (Town of)  
 Middlesex County  
 Newport News (City of)  
 Northampton County  
 Northumberland County  
 Northern Neck Electric Cooperative  
 Onancock (Town of)

Richmond County  
 Richmond County Vol Rescue Squad  
 Smithfield (Town of)  
 Southside Electric Cooperative  
 Tangier (Town of)  
 Tappanannock (Town of)  
 Va Dept of Conservation & Recreation  
 Va Dept of Corrections  
 Va Dept of Emergency Management  
 Va Dept of General Services  
 Va Dept of Mental Health  
 Va Dept of State Police  
 Va Dept of Transportation  
 Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
 Wachapreague (Town of)  
 Warsaw (Town of)  
 Westmoreland County  
 York County

As of COB, **8 November 2006**, a total of **17** (current estimated projection is **241**) PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

**Obligated: \$ 0.00**  
**Disbursed: \$ 0.00**

**Individual Assistance:**

**Pursuant to the Small Business Administration (SBA No. 10644) disaster declaration on 16 Oct, the following SBA Disaster Outreach Centers were opened for the five declared jurisdictions: city of Richmond, cities of Hampton/Newport News, Gloucester and Northumberland counties. These centers will be closing at the end of business on Thursday, 9 Nov.**

SBA Disaster Outreach Centers (4ea):

1. City of Richmond:  
 When: Opened 1300 Hours, 17 Oct 2006 (Tue)  
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
 Where: Norrell School Annex, 201 W Graham Rd, Richmond. VA
2. Cities of Hampton and Newport News:  
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
 Where: Y H Tomas Center, 1300 Thomas St, Hampton, VA 23669
3. Gloucester County:  
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
 Where: Fire Station 3, 2676 Hayes Rd, Hayes, VA 23072
4. Northumberland County:  
 When: Opened 1000 Hours, 18 Oct 2006 (Wed)  
 Hours: M-F (10am-7pm); Sat (9am-3pm)  
 Where: Old County Courthouse, 72 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA

**As of 6 Nov 2006, the following is a summary of actions at the four SBA Centers:**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Home Loans (Issued/Accepted)</u>	<u>Business Loans (Issued/Accepted)</u>	<u>Misc Assistance</u>
1.	20/10	5/1	32
2.	9/5	2/0	15
3.	7/6	1/0	4
4.	19/13	11/0	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55/34</b>	<b>19/1</b>	<b>90</b>

**Mitigation:**

The Hazard Mitigation Strategy and the Admin Plan for DR-1661-VA were approved by the SCO and submitted to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Director, Mr. Noah Thacker.

**Mitigation Training Courses Proposed (Training Space Reserved):**

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| 1. | Course (E277): Residential Coastal Construction           |
|    | When: TBD (late Nov-early Dec)                            |
|    | Where: TBD  |
|    | Attendees: TBD  |
| 2. | Course (E279): Retrofit Flood-prone Residential Buildings |
|    | When: <b>12-13 Dec</b>                                    |
|    | Where: <b>VDEM (Trade Court)</b>                          |
|    | Attendees: <b>All affected jurisdictions</b>              |

**HMGP Applicants' Briefings Conducted (2 ea):**

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| 1. | <b>30 Oct 2006, Attendees-24 (Nine jurisdictions-21, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)</b>      |
| 2. | <b>31 Oct 2006, Attendees-30 (Tidewater jurisdictions-27, FEMA-0, VDEM-3)</b> |
| 3. | <b>2 Nov 2006, Attendees-12 (Ten jurisdictions-10, FEMA-0, VDEM-2)</b>        |
| 4. | <b>7 Nov 2006, Attendees-8 (Six jurisdictions—7, FEMA-0, VDEM-1)</b>          |

Two applicant's briefings were delivered last week for jurisdictions interested in participating in the Ernesto Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. One-page pre-applications are due to VDEM 1 Dec for eligibility screening. Those selected will be invited by 15 Jan to submit full applications, which will be due to VDEM 15 Mar. HMPG is currently funded as 7.5% of eligible disaster recovery monies expended in response to the specific disaster. Since funding is so limited for this disaster, information on the upcoming Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program was provided.

A homeowner's recovery and mitigation workshop was conducted on Thursday, 2 Nov at the Northumberland County Judicial Courts Building at the invitation of the County Administrator. In response to extensive outreach, 60 property owners attended. VDEM, SBA, the State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance and DCR's floodplain management program gave brief presentations and answered any questions. Since significant attendees owned "second homes" or vacation properties that are not used for rentals, SBA assistance is not available. While many impacted by both Ernesto and the Nor'easter are frustrated by their lack of eligibility for federal aid, they appreciated the workshop and took advantage of FEMA technical mitigation publications that were provided.

Six applications were submitted at the workshop.

On 4 Nov VDEM and SBA participated in a disaster victims' workshop at the invitation of the Isle of Wight Long Term Recovery Task Force. The workshop conducted by the Isle of Wight staff and the Red Cross was held in Zuni, VA at Bethany Presbyterian Church. Nineteen property owners in attendance were provided information on SBA programs, registration for Red Cross benefits, mitigation grant programs and structural mitigation measures, and long-term solutions for mitigation of flooding. There is a widespread community concern for "river cleaning" of the Blackwater River, upstream storm water management, culvert expansion and maintenance of Route 460 and the damming effects of the railroad embankment. The workshop was well received.

**PLANNING SECTION**

## **FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION**

**Personnel Unit:** VDEM JFO/field staffing is 45 (Perm staff-5, Reservists-10, VDOT-3, Contractor-27).  
**Administration Unit:** Courier service (Trade Court-EOC-JFO-EOC-Trade Court) is as needed.

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT (Non FEMA-1661-DR-VA) ONGOING ACTIONS**

**FEMA-1655-DR-VA:** **Public Assistance:** RPAs were received/accepted from localities, state agencies, land private non-profit organizations (Total=19: cities-2, towns-4, counties-5, state agencies-3, other-5).

As of COB, **8 November 2006**, a **total of 280** PA project worksheets (PWs) have been entered into NEMIS for final FEMA review /approval and funding obligations. **Current totals:**

**Obligated: \$4,130,142.00**

**Disbursed: \$3,269,681.86**

**Individual Assistance:** On 12 Sept 2006, SBA issued a disaster declaration for the city of Alexandria and Fairfax County and all contiguous counties. All outreach centers are closed.

**October (6-9) Flooding:** On 9 Oct, Governor Kaine declared a State of Emergency due to storms and flooding in Central/Southeast Virginia. On 25 Oct, pursuant to the Governor's request, the Small Business Administration (SBA No. 10672) issued a disaster declaration for the jurisdictions of City of Franklin, Isle of Wight and Southampton counties and all contiguous jurisdictions. The SBA centers in the City of Franklin and Town of Smithfield remain open.

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